

CLAIMS

1. A pair of probes for analyzing protein-protein interactions, which comprises:

5 a probe A containing at least an N-terminal half polypeptide of split *Renilla* luciferase; and

a probe B containing at least the remaining C-terminal half polypeptide of split *Renilla* luciferase.

10 2. The pair of probes for analyzing protein-protein interactions of claim 1, wherein the probe A contains an N-terminal half polypeptide of an intein and N-split *Renilla* luciferase, and the probe B contains a C-terminal half polypeptide of the intein and C-split *Renilla* luciferase.

15 3. The pair of probes for analyzing protein-protein interactions of claim 1 or 2, wherein a linker sequence is linked to each of the N-terminal half polypeptide of split *Renilla* luciferase and the remaining C-terminal half polypeptide of split *Renilla* luciferase.

20 4. The pair of probes for analyzing protein-protein interactions of claim 3, wherein the linker sequence consists of 3 to 20 amino acid residues.

25 5. The pair of probes for analyzing protein-protein interactions of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the N-terminal half polypeptide of split *Renilla* luciferase and the remaining C-terminal half polypeptide of split *Renilla* luciferase are obtained by splitting *Renilla* luciferase between Ser91 and Tyr92.

30 6. A method for analyzing protein-protein interactions, which

comprises

fusing a protein "a" to the probe A of any one of claims 1 to 5, and
fusing a protein "b" to the probe B of any one of claims 1 to 5;

5 making the protein "a" fused to the probe A and the protein "b" fused
to the probe B coexist in the presence of coelenterazine and oxygen; and
measuring luminescence thus emitted.

7. The method for analyzing protein-protein interactions
according to claim 6, which comprises introducing a polynucleotide
10 expressing the protein "a" fused to the probe A and a polynucleotide
expressing the protein "b" fused to the probe B into cells, thereby making the
protein "a" fused to the probe A and the protein "b" fused to the probe B
coexist in the presence of coelenterazine and oxygen.

15 8. The method for analyzing protein-protein interactions
according to claim 6, which comprises introducing a polynucleotide
expressing the protein "a" fused to the probe A and a polynucleotide
expressing the protein "b" fused to the probe B into a non-human totipotent
cell, and causing ontogenesis of the cell to non-human animal, thereby
20 making the protein "a" fused to the probe A and the protein "b" fused to the
probe B coexist in the presence of coelenterazine and oxygen in any one of
the cells of the animal or offspring animal thereof.

9. A non-human animal or offspring animal thereof, which is
25 obtained by

introducing a polynucleotide expressing the protein "a" fused to the
probe A and a polynucleotide expressing the protein "b" fused to the probe B
into a non-human totipotent cell; and

causing ontogenesis of the cell to non-human animal.

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10. A method for screening a substance, which comprises:
introducing a test sample into the non-human animal or offspring
animal thereof of claim 9; and
analyzing a protein-protein interaction in the cell of the non-human
5 animal or offspring animal thereof.